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TO : Director of Training
VIA : Chief, Operations School

DATE: 29 September 1960

FROM : Chief, Headquarters Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 39
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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Nothing to report.

II. OTHER ITEMS

a. Clandestine Services Review: The Clandestine Services Review course began on 26 September with an enrollment of 33 students. This group is composed of mature senior personnel with wide and varied field experience representing all areas of the world with the exception of Western Hemisphere. SR has the largest enrollment with 8 students. EE and FE have 5 students each. There are two students each from WE, from AF, from NE, from SSA, from IO, and from Cable Secretariat. One student each represent WPS, TSD, and RID. This is practically a homecoming gathering for me at least since I am personally acquainted with 24 of the students.

The first three days of the course went smoothly enough with some adjustment in the schedule of the first day. [redacted] 25X1A9a had an emergency appointment at the Pentagon. Mr. [redacted] 25X1A9a and [redacted] moved up an hour each and [redacted] appeared at 25X1A9a the third hour.

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The question and answer period of Mr. Robert Amory and the talk of [redacted] highlighted the first three days of the course. Mr. Amory's informal comments were well received and he said, after the talk, to [redacted] and to me that he enjoyed this kind of presentation with a suggestion that he would like more substantive questions from the students. [redacted] presentation while difficult at times to catch because he rambled a lot was better than his previous talks. We were fortunate in having an IRRR course in session during this period and we made use of two of [redacted] 25X1A9a students to record the highlights of both talks. The results of these exercises in practical reporting are attached hereto. I am 25X1A also attaching the student roster.

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We appreciate the cooperation of the Support Office [redacted] for returning the tables to Room 153. For two hours on Tuesday while the CSR class was in Room 155, the Support Staff did an excellent job

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of quickly moving out the armchairs and replacing them with the tables. The individual tables afford more room to rest the heavy kits containing the course reading material. In any event, this room will now be ready for Project [redacted] which begins 10 October immediately following the conclusion of the CSR.

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c. Clandestine Services Liaison Operations: Three students are registered for CSLO, two others having cancelled. A memorandum to the DTR and the Registrar has been sent forward recommending cancellation of the next running of this course. It should be noted that this course was ready to roll in terms of scheduling, the speakers were lined up, and a number of substantive changes were made in the curriculum. [redacted] had lined up seven major talks for himself and he planned to participate in two panels.

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On Friday last, Hank was called b[redacted] saying that [redacted] had called all the Division Training Officers asking them to look around and come up with additional students. Mr. [redacted] at the time of [redacted] call, had heard from every division training officer but one. He got a variety of responses but in the main, [redacted] was told that emergencies, flaps, TDY's, etc. precluded the divisions from sending students. As we see it here, the problem appears not in the purported weaknesses of the course of instruction but essentially in the system currently used in the Clandestine Services in assigning personnel for specific training. I would suggest that there is something radically wrong when the DD/P Training Officer has to get on a telephone at the last minute to call the division training officers in a desperate measure to get people to make up a student body. This course was set up for a selected group of case officers working in support of liaison or about to embark on a liaison assignment. I, for one, am pleased not to run the course if the student body is to be made up of personnel whose only interest in the course is to help fill the quota.

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d. Scientific and Technical Operations: Registration for this course closed officially on 26 September with an enrollment of 6 students; 14 shy of the minimum of 20 to justify its running. At [redacted]s request, registration was extended to 30 September. As of 28 September no additional students are registered. The comments regarding the CSLO are probably applicable to this course also. For some time [redacted] and the DD/P Training Officer

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have been aware of the lag in registration. I have, in the last weekly, registered Dr. Scoville's disappointment in the apparent lack of enthusiasm of the Clandestine Services to select candidates for the course. It is of interest to note that Dr. Scoville in conversation with [redacted] today asked about the registration. When he learned that there were only six students registered he said that inasmuch as he had a meeting with Mr. Bissell and [redacted] the following day (29 September) on another matter, he intended to bring the apparent lack of interest in the course to their attention.

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Preparation for the course are complete including the administration of scheduled trips. We plan to hold to our extended deadline of 30 September for a last minute reading on registration.

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III. ADMINISTRATIVE

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[redacted] stopped by last week for a short visit. He said he will be available for duty on 10 October.

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